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ROME FOR FODAG PASS AID

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TAGS: EAID, CD
SUBJ: PL-480: FOOD AID FOR CHAD

REFS: A) STATE 4290, B) STATE 4033

1. WHILE I AM IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH PARA 6 OF REF A THAT
IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY, I FIND REST OF REF COMPLETELY
CONFUSING.
2. WHY ARE WE SUDDENLY TALKING OF A QUOTE BALANCE OF 7,600
HTS UNQUOTE WHEN UP UNTIL NOW ALL REFERENCES REFER TO 13,0001
MTS IN ADDITION TO REGULAR CONTRIBUTION?
3. IF WE CANNOT MAKE DONATIONS OUTSIDE OUR REGULAR PLEDGE:
(A) WHY DIDN'T WE SAY SO TWO MONTHS AGO; (B) WHY DOES ROME
(20719) SUGGEST SUCH A CONTRIBUTION; AND (C) WHY DOES PARA 7 OF
REF A SUGGEST QUOTE REASSIGNMENT THROUGH WFP UNDER THE CURRENT
PLEDGE UNQUOTE.
4. CONTRUBITION THROUGH WFP REMAINS MOST EFFICIE T METHOD
OF HANDLING SITUATION BUT IF IMPOSSIBLE, WE ARE PREPARED TO
UNDERTAKE ANY OTHER TYPE OF PROGRAM FEASIBLE AS LONG AS IT CAN

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BE IMPLEMENTED RAPIDLY.

5. PROJECTED TIMETABLE OF DELIVERIES BEGINNING IN MARCH IS
IMPRATICABLE. ALMOST ALL OF SHIPMENT WOULD ARRIVE ASTER
RAINY SEASON STARTEE AND ROADS BECOME IMPASSABLE. EVEN USING
AIRCRAFT, WHICH WOULD BECOME IMPERATIVE, AMOUNTS OF FOOD THAT

COULD BE DISTRIBUTED WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET SITUATION.

6. RESPONSES TO GOC REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE HAVE SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO 10,0001 MT BILATERAL PROGRAM BY FRANCE AND 10,000 MT PROGRAM BY WSP. LOCAL ARM OF LATTER ORGANIZATION TAUES FULL CREDIT FOR PROGRAM AND IS POINTING FINGER OF BLAME AT OTHER DONORS, INCLUDING US, FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND. REALIZE THIS SOUNDS PETTY, BUT IS FACTUAL STATEMENT OF SITUATION.

7. I WOULD STTNGLY ENDORSE VISIT OF EULENE MOORE TO NDJAMENA.

8. HOWEVER, WISH TO POINT OUT THAT VISIT OF TEAM AS SUGGESTED IN REF B WOULD BE A FIASCO, INSOFAR AS IT IS DIRECTED TOWARD ASSESSMENT OF NEED. LOCAL SITUATION HAS ALREADY BEEN STUDIED BY SUCH A TEAM AND GOC'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WAS BASED ON FINDINGS OF THAT TEAM. FOR A NEW GROUP TO APPEAR MONTHS AFTER REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE WOULD BE INSULTING.

9. IN MEANTIME, FIND MYSELF IN HIGHLY EMBARRASSING POSITION. REGIONAL NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT HAS INFORMED POST HE IS CONSIDERING VISIT TO NDJAMENA TO DO STORY ON DROUGHT. IF HE COMES NOW AND ASKS LOCALLY WHAT US RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO CHADIAN EMERGENCY, HE WILL BE TOLD IN REPLY OTHING SPECIFIC OUTSIDE OF ROUTINE PLEDGE TO WFP. I WOULD BE HARD PUT TO REFUTE IT.BRADFORD

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